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AIR LINES EXPAND WINTER OPERATIONS

FLIGHTS TO BE MAINTAINED -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 188, 21 Sep 48

The Kazakh Administration of the Civil Air Fleet has begun its preparations for winter operations and plans to have more lines in operation this winter than during the winter of 1947. The administration plans to continue flights from Alma-Ata to Novosibirsk, Omsk, and Petropavlovsk just as in the summer season. In 1947, these flights were discontinued with the advent of cold weather. Cabins will be heated on the planes flying on the Alma-Ata -- Sverdlovsk -- Moscow route. Snow removal equipment is being completed and assembled in order to maintain regular service at intermediate air ports.

AIR LINES REPORT EXPANSION --Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 227, 24 Sep 48

The Soviet Air Lines summer season has closed and the winter schedule goes into effect on 5 October. Regular trips were made during the summer over almost 500 routes. More than 40 new flights were opened up, including a 7,600-kilometer flight from Moscow to Vladivostok.

This year direct air connection was established between Moscow and Kemerovo, Groznyy, Chita, Syktyvkar and other cities. Freight transport was considerably improved.

Almost all the present flights will continue during the coming winter.

NIGHT FLYING INITIATED -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 194, 29 Sep 48

Night flights between Alma-Ata and Karaganda have recently been initiated. This is the first step toward 24-hour flight service which will be introduced soon and which will enable the Alma-Ata -- Moscow flight to be completed in one day.

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ALMA-ATA GETS NEW ROAD -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 180, 10 Sep 48

An asphalt road is being constructed between Alma-Ata and Issyk. The first 5 kilometers have already been completed. The road will be ready in 1949.

GAUYA BRIDGE TO BE REBUILT - Sovetskaya Latvija, No 227, 24 Sep 48

Reconstruction of the bridge crossing the Gauya River in Sigulda is to start in October, according to a resolution of the Council of Ministers, Latvian SSR. The work, which is being undertaken by the Main Road Administration, will be completed in 14 months. Nearly 1.5 million rubles have been allotted for the reconstruction of the bridge.

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